

**Wield Parish Council**  
**Meeting – Thursday 19 August**  
**Wield village hall**

**Those present:** Alwin Hutchinson, Robert Grande, Nick Lailey, Roland Richardson and Jean Frost (Clerk).

Apologies: Were received from: Kate Gibbons and Ben Robinson

**1. Minutes of last meeting**

1.1 Were signed as a true and accurate record

**2. Matters arising**

2.1 The grant to CAB is in hand

**3. Financial report**

3.1 Remainder of grant from HCC (approx. £850) needs to be repaid. Cllr Hutchinson will ascertain means of repaying Action – Cllr Hutchinson

3.2 The SLR invoice has now been paid. There is a small amount of cash in hand that will be retained for repairs etc.

**4. Planning issues**

4.1 Janda site - application has been re-submitted with a more modest design; no further details.

4.2 Alerted to the plans for a solar farm at Preston Canodver. Although out of WPC area, comments may still be relevant - await further information.

4.3 Cllr Richardson raised the issue of a parish plan. It was agreed that no immediate action was necessary but that the PC would monitor any possible future requirement.

Action - Cllr Richardson

**5. Footpaths**

5.1 Wield 17 BOAT (from Lower Wield to Rushmore Pond) has a great many deep ruts. It remains closed and needs a lot of work to repair. Bidding for the contract is in progress but start date depends on funds available. Some work at the Wield end has been started.

5.2 Three Castle's Path near Barton Copse – HCC have agreed to clear some of the obstructive vegetation.

**6. Roads**

6.1 The Lengthsman recently cleared the vegetation at the memorial site at Battle Corner.

**8. Website update**

8.1 All currently up to date

**9. Any other Business**

9.1 CIL payment – In 2020 WPC was granted £3,500 to be used within five years. So far no money has been spent but a report must now be compiled to show what has been spent and plans for the remainder. Suggestions for spending the money included:

- Repaint the red 'phone boxes and replace the 'Telephone' sign with another indication that a defibrillator is inside
- Repairing road edges where broken
- Convert some of the stiles around the village to Kissing gates.
- Repairs to pull-in passing places, many badly rutted. AH & NL to investigate.
- Battle corner drainage culverts to be renewed.

Grants – it was agreed to encourage 'Riding for the Disabled to apply for a small grant.

Joe Noades – has offered to quote for winter hedge cutting or other work around the village.

**Date of next meeting**

(Either via Zoom or in the village hall – to be decided within Covid 19 guidelines in place)

Thursday 18 November 2021 at 7.30pm